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Eisenhower Cabinet Ministers Study The Change-Over

Washington, Dec. 3.

Mr John Foster Dulles started breaking in to-day on one of the world's toughest jobs.

The 64-year-old New York attorney who will be Secretary of State in Mr Dwight Eisenhower's Cabinet, arrived in the capital for change-of-administration conferences with top diplomatic and defence officials and Congressional leaders.

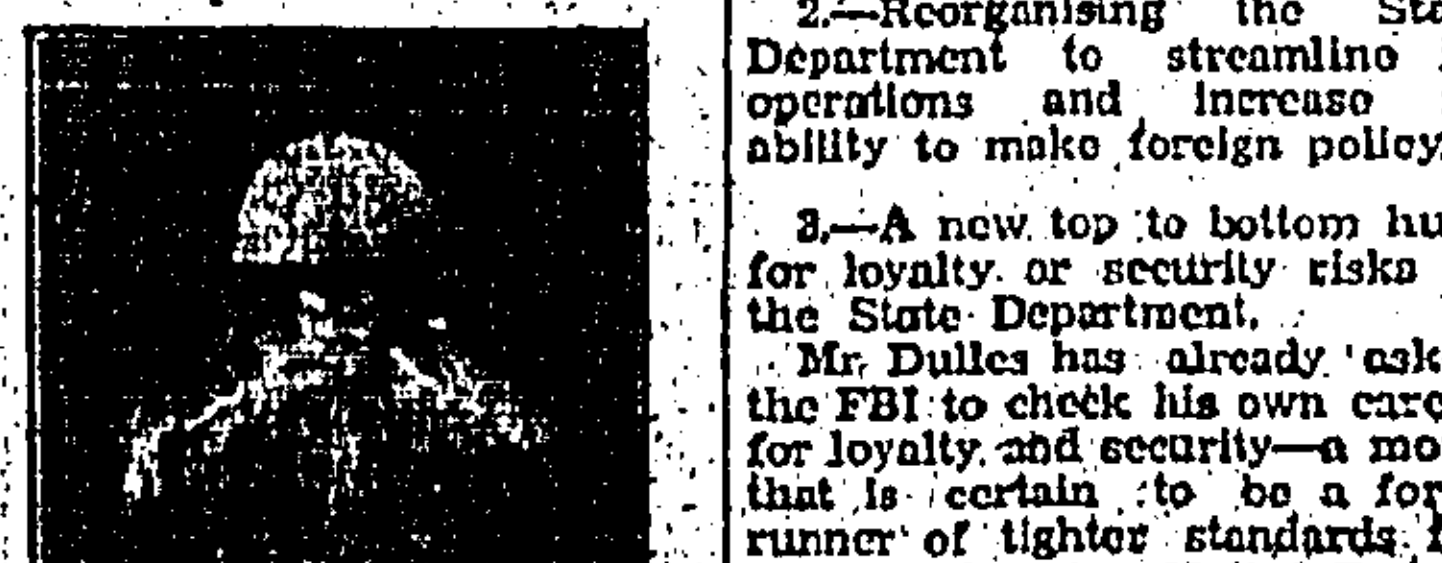
His first appointment today was with the retiring Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, who returned on Tuesday night from the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Close on Mr Dulles' heels came another member of the Eisenhower Cabinet, 62-year-old George N. Humphrey, a Cleveland industrialist, who will take over the Treasury Department on January 20. The outgoing Secretary of the Treasury, Mr John W. Snyder, was waiting to conduct Mr Humphrey on a "get acquainted" tour of the Treasury.

With little more than six weeks to go before the change-over from Democratic to Republican rule, Eisenhower appointees were showing up in a steady stream to size up their new responsibilities.

Mr Harold E. Stassen was here yesterday to confer with Mr Averell Harriman, his predecessor as Mutual Security Administration. The incoming Defence Secretary, Mr Charles E. Wilson, paid a similar visit to the capital last week.

Advance word was that Mr Humphrey would spend only a day or two on his preliminary survey. But Mr Dulles, who already knows the inner working of the State Department from his previous experience as a special adviser to Mr Acheson on Far Eastern problems, was getting down to work in earnest.



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Pakistan Backs Demand Of Arab States Over Palestine

United Nations, Dec. 3.

Pakistan urged the United Nations today to enlarge its Palestine Conciliation Commission from three to five members and move the Commission's headquarters from New York to Jerusalem in an effort to help solve the smouldering Holy Land dispute.

Professor Ahmed S. Bokhari, Pakistan's permanent United Nations representative, expressed support of the Arab States' demand that direct negotiations with Israel be conducted in the light of previous United Nations General Assembly recommendations on Palestine.

Prof. Bokhari said that his country had close ties with the Arab world in view of their common religion — Islam — and that Pakistan did not view the Israel-Arab dispute as a question of anti-Semitism.

The Israeli "blueprint for peace" in the Middle East called for the by-passing of previous United Nations resolutions and the "structure will not stand because the first brick is not straight".

The Israeli Government, he said, would have Palestine negotiators "ignore all United Nations resolutions on Palestine — except the resolution which established Israel as a State."

Prof. Bokhari said that the Arabs of Palestine were "sorry and unfortunate victims of international power politics."

The Pakistan dispute, he said, was "essentially political and amenable to political solution."

He added that the eight-Power resolution calling on Israel and the Arab States to enter into direct negotiations was tantamount to telling the Palestine Conciliation Commission to "stand by and watch the negotiations through a telescope."

NOTHING NEW.

Speaking of the Palestine Arabs, Prof. Bokhari said, "Some are born neighbours, some achieve neighbourhood and some have neighbourhood thrust upon them — that is what has happened to the Arabs."

Dr. Mohammed Fadil al-Jamal, Foreign Minister of Iraq, said that the Arab States were "not ready to have Zionist colonialism replace European colonialism" in the Middle East. He said there was nothing new in the Israeli peace plan presented by Ambassador Abba S. Eban and that it contained "subtle colonialism."

He said, "We know very well that there is today a peace offensive declared by the Zionists in America on the issue of Palestine. The Zionist Press and Zionist speeches continue to reiterate their desire for peace with the Arab States. Every gentleman, all this talk will not bring peace. What will bring about peace is a change of heart and a change of attitude, a readiness to recognise the other side's rights and to acknowledge them."

He told the United Nations Special Political Committee, "We believe that a meeting of Arab States with Israel will serve no purpose unless and until Israel recognises United Nations resolutions and expresses its readiness to implement them."

The Arabs of Palestine have already sacrificed much and suffered much. It is time that their voice should be heard and their rights, already claimed by resolutions of the United Nations, should be restored for the sake of Eastern-Western unity and understanding and for the sake of peace and stability in the Middle East. — United Press.

Big Reward For Red

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 3.

The Malayan Government is offering a \$75,000 reward for information leading to the capture alive of Tan Boon Tien, a State committee member of the Malacca branch of the Malayan Communist Party.

Tan, a Hainanese, aged 26, was a former member of the Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army which fought the occupation forces. He speaks three dialects of Chinese and also English.

The Government is also offering \$5,000 to anyone who can produce a photo of Tan. — Associated Press.

ULTIMATUM TO STRIKERS

Eastern Airlines resumed some Constellation flights today and told striking flight engineers to return to work by 7 p.m. GMT (3 a.m. HKT Thursday) or lose their jobs.

EAL officials said Super-Constellation took off from Miami International Airport manned by a flight engineer supervisor. — Associated Press.

Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 3.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. has been elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Rockefeller Foundation, succeeding John Foster Dulles. — Associated Press.

All Work And No Play

London, Dec. 3.

The wife of a former British Ambassador to Moscow says one thing the Russians definitely lack is sex appeal.

Lady Kelly, wife of Sir David Kelly, who returned from Russia last year, said the Soviet Union struck her as the most puritanical country in the world — all work and no sex.

She told a lecture audience she had never attended a Russian film that had the slightest suggestion of sex appeal or seen a couple embrace in public.

"I found small children friendly and well cared for," Lady Kelly said, "but the propaganda affected them when they got to school, and from the age of 14 you notice a hardening in their stare when they realise you are not one of them." — Associated Press.

INDONESIAN MINISTER RESIGNS

Djakarta, Dec. 3.

The Defence Minister, Sultan Hamengk Bawono, the real point of a lengthy dispute between the nation's armed forces and Parliament, was reported to have resigned today.

The Sultan was not available for comment but the Information Minister, Armodi Mononutu, refused to confirm or deny the resignation report and said further information would be supplied after a Cabinet meeting tonight.

The long-standing dispute over Defence Ministry policies reached the crisis stage in October when thousands of army sympathisers rioted in the capital.

President Sukarno restored law and order by an appeal to the rioters and promised speedy national elections.

No date for Indonesia's elections — they will be the nation's first since the present Parliament was appointed — has yet been fixed.

Informed quarters said that the Sultan had quit because he had grown weary of the Government's refusal to take a strong stand to support the policies of his Ministry following criticism from Parliament and the army controversy. — United Press.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Dec. 3.

Some form of international agreement to stabilise commodity prices is considered by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers to be imperative if a repetition of the recent extreme price fluctuations, with all their damaging effects on the Sterling Area economies, is to be avoided.

The Ministers, who resumed their London economic conference today, considered this problem against the statistical background of wide swings in prices for many Sterling and dollar commodities since the outbreak of the Korean war.

They had before them figures which show that though the prices of most Sterling commodities have now returned to their pre-Korean level — and are in some cases even lower — certain American commodities, especially in the mineral and food groups, are still well above the mid-1950 level.

The conference agreed that some form of stabilisation arrangement between the main producers and consumers would be beneficial to all concerned.

Generally speaking the Ministers are in favour of doing this by international agreements to be worked out one by one in relation to the individual circumstances of each commodity.

The conference also agreed it was desirable to set up machinery for calling Commonwealth meetings to deal with "commodity emergencies" if and when they arise. Purpose of these meetings would be to enable the Commonwealth countries to take collective action to prevent or arrest a serious fall in Sterling commodity prices.

Some reference was made during today's meeting of Prime Ministers to the possibility of a joint approach to the United States on the question of commodity price policy. This was considered desirable though the Ministers thought it too early to make any firm plans for such an approach.

FINANCE AND TRADE

No concrete proposals for stabilising commodity prices are expected to emerge during the present conference, though it is thought likely the Ministers will agree on steps that should be taken within the Commonwealth to deal with cases of extreme urgency.

At this morning's session of the conference the subject of finance and trade was again under discussion and a small sub-committee of officials was set up to deal with certain technical matters raised by the Finance Ministers' group which is making a special study of this aspect of policy.

During the general discussion the Prime Ministers outlined their individual approach to the main problems of finance and trade.

Imperial Preference was discussed in the context of long-

term policy, and this subject will be further studied by officials before it is taken up again by the Ministers.

STILL PRECARIOUS

So far as short-term policy is concerned the Prime Ministers expressed their satisfaction with the rise in gold reserve last month.

They confirmed their forward balance of payments estimates in support of the hope that the Sterling Area could look forward to some stability in reserves until at least the middle of next year.

But there was general agreement that the state of the reserves was still too precarious to allow of any relaxation in the internal disinflationary policies adopted by the Sterling Commonwealth countries.

Tomorrow the Commonwealth Premier will attend a Cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street when, it is understood, the main subject for discussion will be the Korean deadlock, which is itself one of the great impediments of the present economic situation.

The conference is not now expected to go on beyond the middle of next week.

PREFERENCES ISSUE

London, Dec. 3. Commonwealth statesmen today failed to see eye to eye over a proposal seeking the right to extend Imperial Preference, the trading fence built around the British Commonwealth and Empire.

Three countries are believed to have supported the idea. The remaining six were said to be unenthusiastic.

There was no official information available immediately after the meeting, but usually reliable sources said the conference had asked officials to give further study to the whole question of Imperial Preferences.

The right to extend Preferences could be given only if G.A.T.T. (the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) were willing to relax its rules. G.A.T.T., set up at Havana in 1945, had bound 30 member nations to stabilise world tariff rates. These nations include Commonwealth countries.

CANADA LUKEWARM

Imperial Preferences in the past 20 years have helped to build up the Commonwealth, the world's biggest trading unit. The area now has an annual export-import turnover of £12,750,000,000.

But some of the countries belonging to the group are doubtful about the wisdom of extending a system that cuts across the concept of freer world trade.

Canada, for instance, is lukewarm about Imperial Preferences and gives wholehearted support to G.A.T.T.

The extension of Imperial Preferences visualised by some of the Commonwealth statesmen would not mean that other countries would be brought into the system.

Delegation To Boycott UN Debate

Paris, Dec. 3.

A French Foreign Office spokesman said today that the French delegation would not be present at the debate on North Africa in the United Nations Organisation.

He said that, in his speech to the United Nations last month, the French Foreign Minister, M. R. Schuman, had made it clear that the French delegation would boycott the meeting.

The French Foreign Office spokesman pointed out that a Tunisian Nationalist leader, Salah Ben Youssef, had been accredited as Counsellor to the Iraqi delegation in the United Nations.

(Salah Ben Youssef was a Minister in the Chéikh Tunisian Ministry which was dismissed by the French Resident-General earlier this year.)

"This is a very serious and regrettable precedent," the spokesman said. Salah Ben Youssef will presumably be speaking as an Iraqi.

GESTURE BY BRITAIN

Bonn, Dec. 3. Britain has decided to return confiscated trademarks to Western Germany.

The West German Government's Information Bulletin today said that Britain had informed the Government that, following German representations, it was subject to the justified interests of British subjects. It will return old German trademarks free of charge to the Germans entitled to them.

Negotiations are in progress with the United States, France and other countries for the return of trademarks.—Reuter.

Modern Dances Under Fire

Ruala Lumpur, Dec. 3. Proponents of ballroom dancing have started a campaign here to oust hot swing and live dancing.

Handed together as the Selangor Society of Amateur Dancers, followers of graceful dancing have been teaching about 80 youths and girls the circles of ballroom style.

"It is shocking to see the way some people dance these days—nothing but sheer vulgarity," an official of the society said.—Associated Press.

Empty City Will Come To Life

"Mussolini's Folly"

Rome, Dec. 3.

An empty city whose half-built marble palaces have heard only their builders' footsteps will come to life next Spring.

It is "Mussolini's Folly," a collection of grandiose buildings designed to house Rome's 1942 Exhibition with which the Duce planned to stun the world.

But the war interrupted his ambitious project and much of the work remained unfinished.

Now a group of Italian landowners and industrialists have joined together to use the city for an international agricultural fair which is going to be the largest ever held in the world.

Lying on the way from Rome to the sea, it is already equipped with roads, sewers, water and electricity and it even boasts something that Rome itself does not have—an underground railway.

At present the underground starts on the outskirts of Rome and leads out almost to nowhere—a large field in the middle of "Mussolini's Folly" where sheep now graze.

The agricultural fair organisers plan to use the underground to take visitors there, and the Rome Town Council has promised that by the Spring the underground will be linked to the main railway stations.

During the war the British Eighth Army used the empty palaces as garages for their tanks, and their walls echoed to the voices of British soldiers.

Search For Governess' Assailant

Casablanca, Dec. 3.

Police were searching today for an unidentified man, possibly an Algerian or Tunisian, who assaulted a 40-year-old Swedish governess here last week-end.

Ingr Lisa Anderson, who arrived in Morocco only a few weeks ago to work for a Norwegian family living here, was reported to have met the man in a cabaret on Saturday night. After they had had a few drinks together, he offered to drive her home.

On the way, he attacked her, robbing her of her bag which contained some dollar bills and Moroccan francs.

The woman was taken to hospital, suffering from severe shock. She left the hospital on Tuesday.—Associated Press.

FRENCH POLICE UNCOVER BIG SMUGGLING RING

Currency Racket In North Africa

(From Sydney Smith)

Casablanca, Dec. 3.

French Moroccan police have uncovered a £1,000,000 smuggling racket between Morocco and Tangier.

They have arrested an American, William Gelberg (who possessed five passports), three Spaniards, one Moroccan and another American, who admitted being an agent for at least 100 businessmen getting their money out through Tangier.

In Tangier it can be changed into any currency for the purchase of American goods.

Most of the men whom Gelberg represented were French Moroccans, hoping to avoid currency control regulations. Gelberg's account books, listing all the customers for whom he smuggled cash to Tangier, have been seized by French Moroccan police and a major scandal is feared in Casablanca business quarters.

Aggravating this currency smuggling is the fact that 37 Franco-American soldiers who are now in business in Morocco want a Hague Court ruling giving them unrestricted import privileges into the country.

And they are causing French businessmen there serious concern.

ONLY MINOR PART

In Tangier, just next door, world currencies as well as gold can be changed freely.

Further, Tangier lives on the world's panic money and acts as a bank for those who fear that cash in their own countries may fall in value.

The International Police know that the smuggling of

German War Criminals To Keep Property

Berlin, Dec. 3.

Four of the top Nazi war criminals in Spandau Prison are to retain their West Berlin property for the present because a West Berlin declassification court has suspended hearing of their cases indefinitely.

The four are: Albert Speer, Hitler's armaments and construction chief; Baldur von Schirach, Hitler's youth leader; Grand-Admiral Karl Doenitz, Hitler's successor in the last days of the war, and Baron Constantin von Neurath, former Foreign Minister of Germany.

Court officials said proceedings to decide the fate of their property had been suspended because Allied prison officials had not allowed the prisoners to see their lawyers or prepare their defence.—Reuter.

Negro's Post

Geneva, Dec. 3.

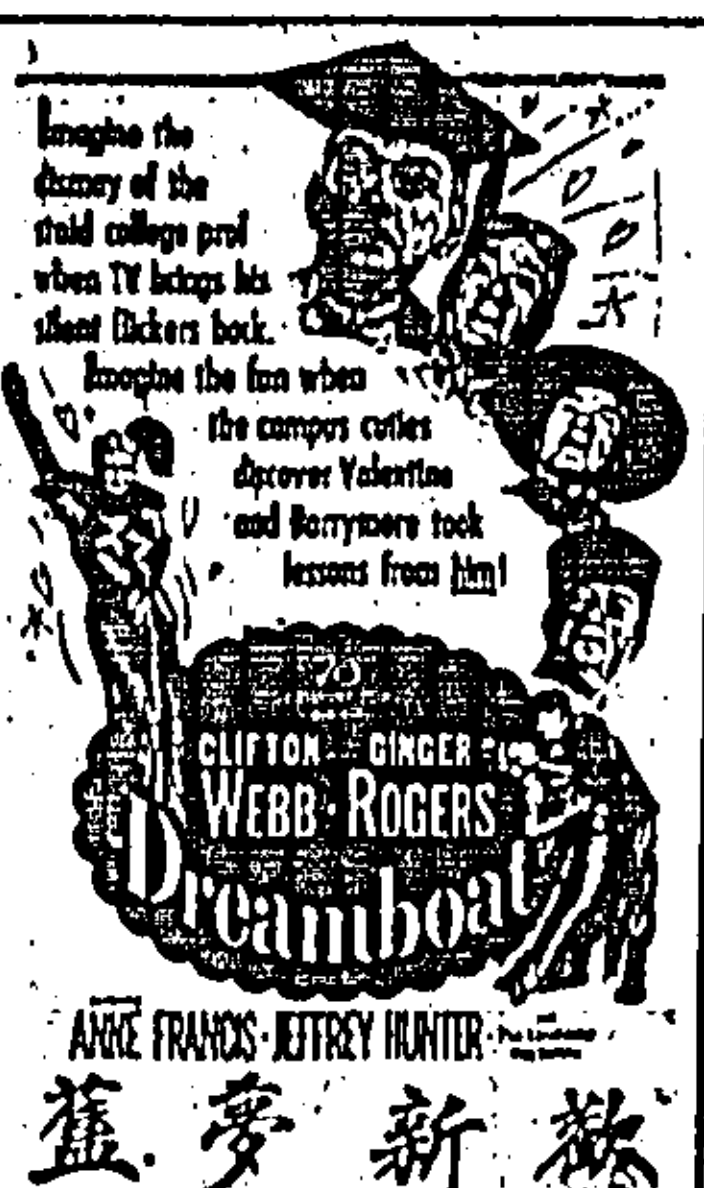
An American Negro, Dr. Jerome S. Peterson, has been appointed Director of the Public Health Services of the World Health Organisation.

He has been Chief Medical Officer of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Gaza area.

He will take up his new post in Geneva on December 8.—Reuter.

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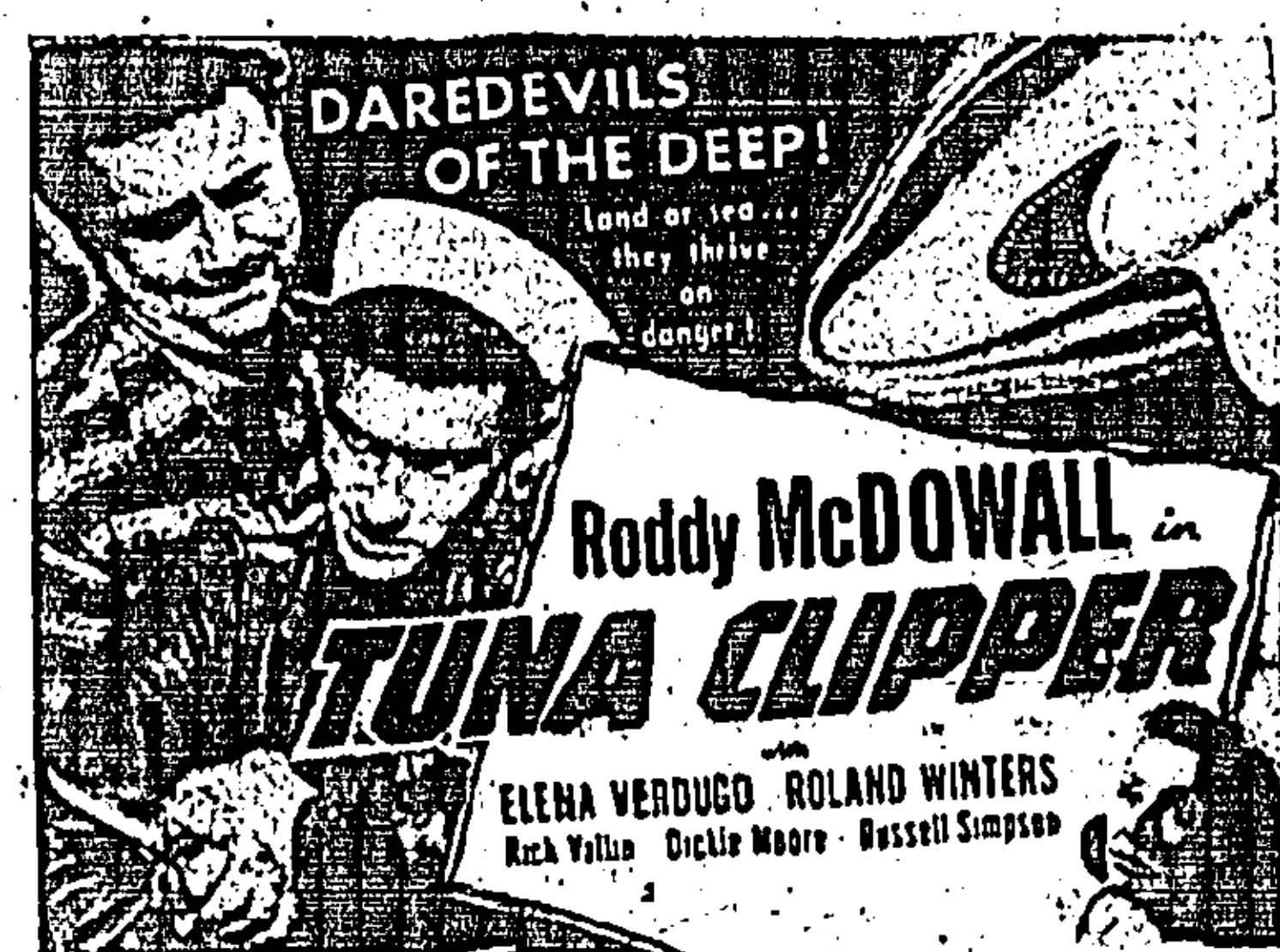


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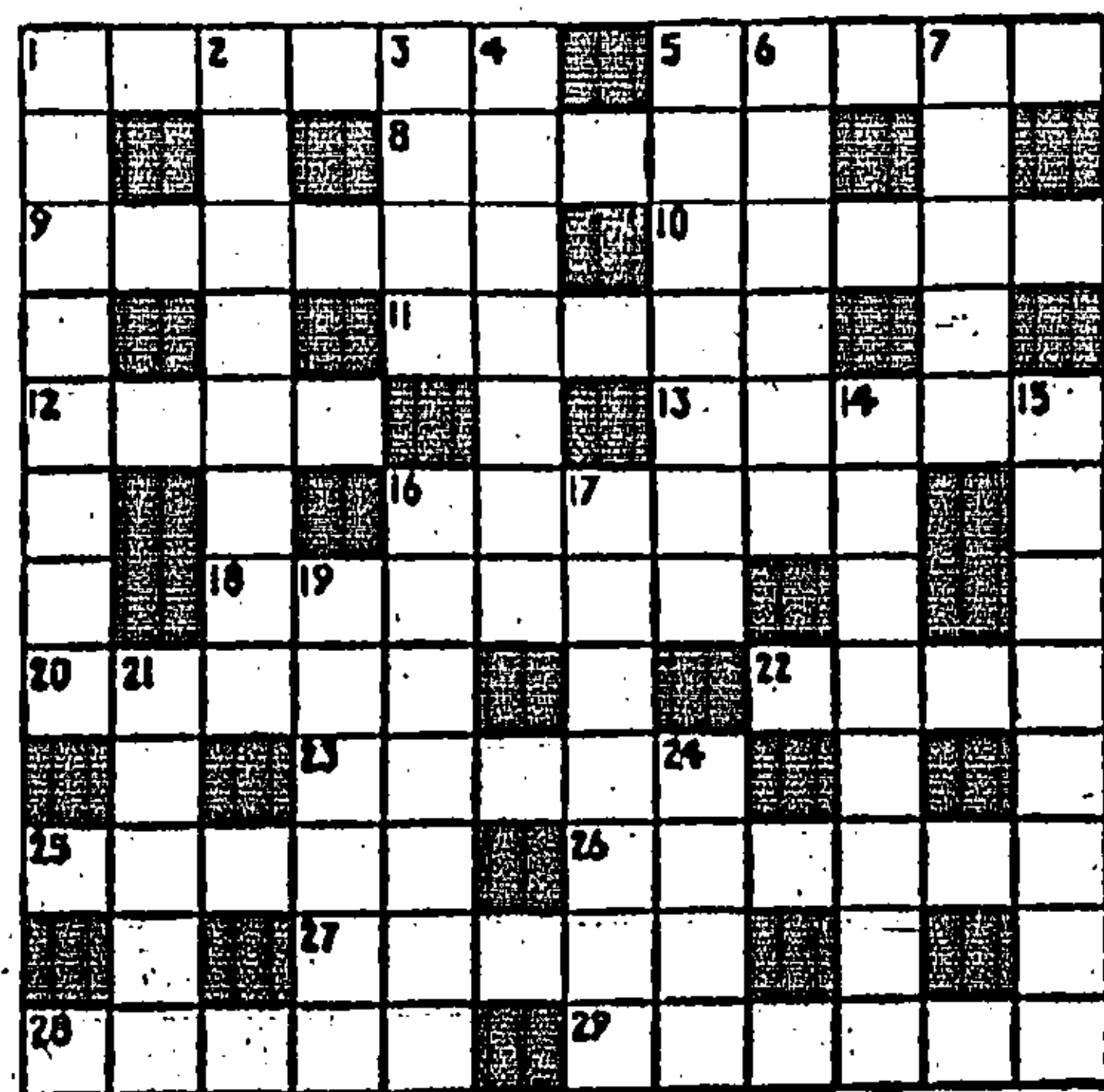
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 - Tyrants (7).
 - Stick fast (6).
 - Welcome (5).
 - Makes progress (8).
 - Outgoings (8).
 - Rogues (7).
 - Snake (7).
 - Wax matches (6).
 - Normal (5).
 - Brink (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—1 Swarms, 5 Dream, 8 Eels, 9 Mimosa, 11 Gobs, 12 Slat, 14 Head, 16 Deak, 18 Abode, 19 Feet, 20 House, 21 Drive, 22 Scribe, 23 Sect, 24 Shards, 25 Tower, 26 Sump, 27 Aims, 28 Moss, 29 Blasted, 30 Degraded, 31 Salvage, 32 Respite, 33 Oiled, 34 Fardes, 35 Hostile, 36 Retreat, 37 Eels, 38 Falsely, 39 Bury, 40 Silt, 41 Men.

"Cursing Parrot" Mystery

Chicago, Dec. 3. A "cursing parrot" of Brookfield Zoo became a more controversial bird today.

Two women are at present on record as "having" heard the blasphemer.

The bird was put in the limelight first when an unidentified woman wrote a scorching letter to a Chicago newspaper.

She said that a parrot in the Zoo had cursed her with such vigour it would make a "million blues" and demanded the cur's death.

But a second woman reporting on the offending bird said, "I don't think that story of the cursing parrot is a myth."

She added: "There is such a bird at Brookfield. I know because it cursed me out good and plenty one day last Summer."

Mr. Bean said: "I still don't see how anyone could say one of our birds used to curse to goodness class words."

A newspaperman reported that he had tried to interview all of the birds but could not get on the "cursing parrot".—United Press.

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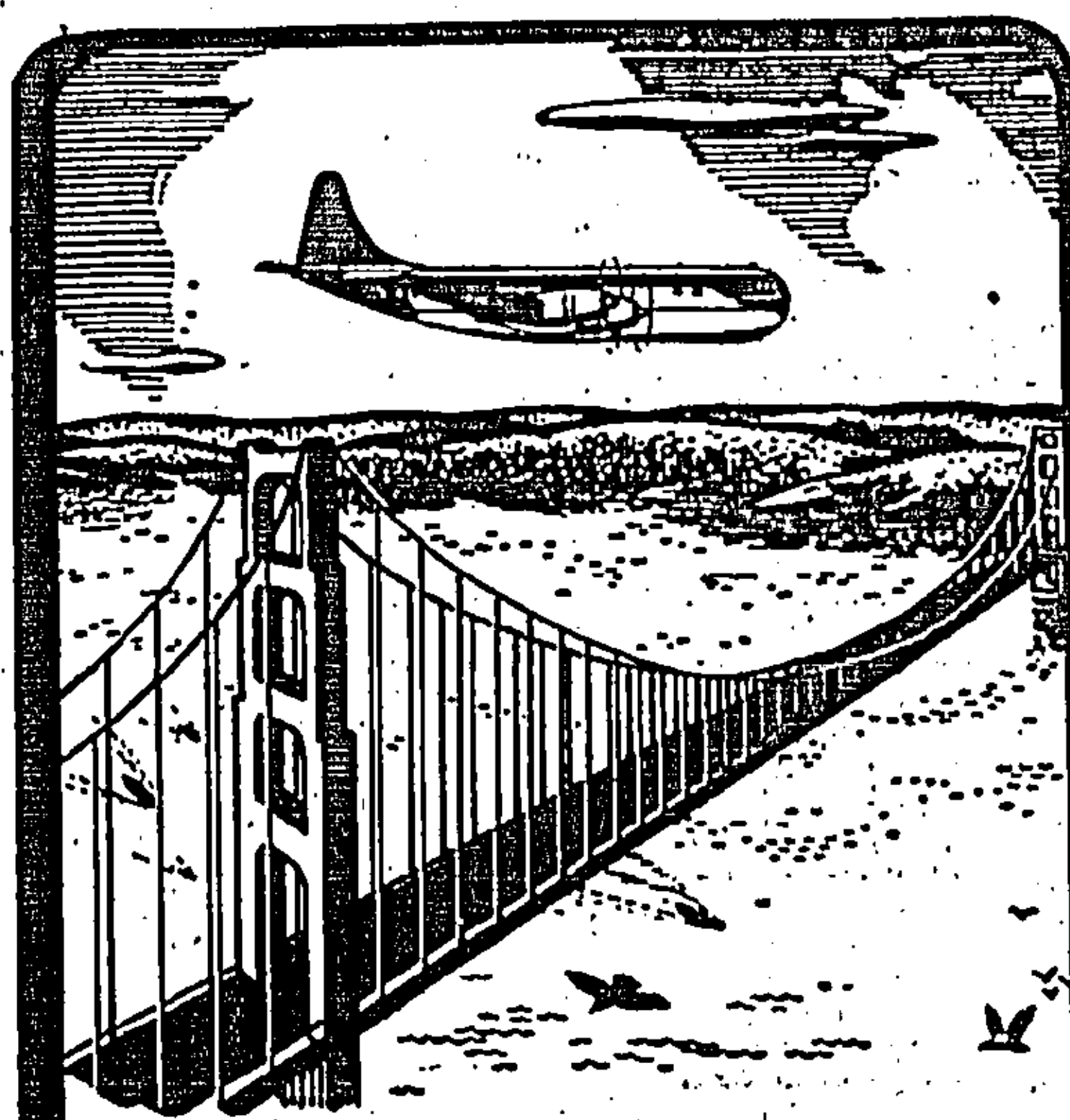
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SO HAIG HIMSELF WAS QUITE AN INTRIGUER

— behind the classic clash with Lloyd George

by FRANK OWEN

It is claimed by the publishers that Lord Haig's private papers throw a new light on history. It will be allowed by every careful reader that they throw quite a new light on Lord Haig.

The writer presents his own personality as that of a simple, selfless, dedicated soldier, who only wanted to win the war, while the intriguing politicians only wanted to win votes.

The diary informs us, however, that already in the first week of the war (August 11, 1914) the simple soldier was busy denigrating his own old friend and present Commander-in-Chief, Field-Marshal Sir John French. He continued to do so until French was sacked, and superseded by himself.

Throughout its pages the author continues to damn his military superiors, equals, subordinates, and allies.

The Private Papers of Douglas Haig, 1914-1918. Edited by Robert Blake (Kyre and Spottiswoode, 25s.).

Thus Field-Marshal French is "unfit to command." General Sir Henry Wilson and Sir Henry Rawlinson are "humbly" "Marshall Foch is 'untrustworthy,' 'a schemer' and 'useless'."

CUR GASBAG

As for the politicians, "cur" Bonar Law is "foolish." Lord Milner is "a tired, dyspeptic old man." Lord Curzon is a "gasbag." "It is a rest to have Sir Edward Carson to lunch after Winston Churchill. He is so straightforward and single-minded." Lord Derby is a "genial Judas."

And our Allies! Well, for the French "the nearest way to their hearts, including that of the 'Generalissimo' (Joffre) is down their throats."

Haig's genuine differences with Lloyd George went deep. Haig was a "Westerner." He

believed that the war could be won nowhere else but on the Western Front. He thought that if only he could be given command of the army, he could break through.

Lloyd George was an "Easterner." He believed that we could not spare the vast numbers of men needed to break through that mighty rampart of mud, mines, barbed wire, and concrete pill-boxes.

He thought that we could turn the enemy flank instead, possibly in Italy. After the Battle of Loos in 1917, where the British Army sacrificed 60,000 men to gain a few acres of trenches, Lloyd George was increasingly doubtful of that oft-promised "breakthrough" in the West.

When Haig followed up Loos with further and even costlier failures on the Somme, at Passchendaele, and Cambrai (he had 900,000 casualties in killed, wounded and missing in 15 months), Lloyd George doubted still more if Haig was the man for the job of military leadership, anyway.

So Lloyd George sought to set up a Supreme Allied Command above Haig. In the end, it was forced on him by harsh events. It was the Germans

who came nearest to breaking through in the West when they attacked in March 1918.

It has been asserted that Haig had been deliberately starved of men, and therefore, is not to be blamed for this near-disaster. It is certainly true that Lloyd George was unwilling to go on providing him with unlimited drafts for what he called "these fatuous, fatal, bull-headed offensives."

Haig's diary shows that (a) Haig was given repeated warnings of the impending enemy offensive, and (b) that he wrote that his only anxiety was that it might be cancelled.

IT WAS HAIG

When the blow fell General Petain's French Army began to retire upon Paris, threatening to break contact with the British Army. Then, in a hurry, Haig himself telegraphed urging that Foch be appointed in the command over both armies. So much the diary testifies.

It is claimed, at the same time, that it was therefore Haig who was really responsible for setting up the Supreme Allied Command.

History will surely be illumined afresh by the new light which is cast by this final beam from the diary of Lord Haig.

outposts of the Communist forces. The most glaring example is Korea, where Communist aggression has already brought the nations to the brink of a third world war.

In face of all these facts, let us remember Tannu Tuva, in this eighth year of its subjugation. And, above all, let us heed the grave warning it pronounces to all other peoples who imagine they can be "protected" by the Soviet Union and not become exploited colonies.

Tannu Tuva—Lesson In Soviet Imperialism

By HUGH SUTHERLAND

If you fly 2,000 miles due North from Rangoon you will reach the wild and mountainous frontier of Tannu Tuva. Of all the many territories which have fallen victims of the designs of Soviet Russia, it is perhaps the most remote and certainly the most forgotten.

Few people could tell you where it is. In fact, it lies in the very heart of Russian Asia, just North of the 50th parallel. It is therefore in the same latitude as Cracow, Prague, Luxembourg, Dieppe and Winnipeg.

It has an area roughly equal to that of Korea, and a population of 70,000. To the East of it extends Lake Baikal. To the South, beyond the desolation of the Tannu-ola Mountains, is the Soviet-dominated Outer Mongolia. Still further to the South are the creeping sand dunes, the bitter lakes, and the buried cities of the Gobi.

But, if few people can locate Tannu-Tuva without the aid of an atlas, fewer still can remember any of its history and what happened there eight years ago.

ANNEXATION

RUSSIA had long had designs on Tannu Tuva. While Mongolia was part of China, Tannu Tuva, then known as the Uryankhai region, was part of the Province of Mongolia. In 1911 the Mongols declared their separation from China. In the following year the Imperial Russian Government concluded a treaty with Outer Mongolia, promising to lend Mongolia "assistance in order to preserve her present autonomy." Tannu Tuva became inaccessible to the Chinese Army and Chinese administration as a result of this separation, and the pace of Russian penetration, which had begun in the 1860's, when her merchants first went to Tuva, quickened.

A suggestion that Russia should then annex Tannu Tuva, made by the Russian Charge d'Affaires in Peking, was submitted to Nicholas II by his Foreign Minister, Sazonov, who added that such an annexation would be neither justifiable nor opportune. The Czar did not agree with his Minister. "I, on the Republic, lived the great

contrary," he wrote, "am in full agreement with the Charge d'Affaires in Peking."

In 1918 it was therefore decided to appoint a special "border commission" for Tannu Tuva. Outer Mongolia also claimed jurisdiction over Tannu Tuva, but the Russian Government continued successfully to oppose the unification of Tuva with Mongolia, desired by the people of Tuva, and to work for the establishment of a Russian protectorate.

AN OBLAST

In 1918 Tannu-Tuva was again occupied by Chinese troops, but in the early twenties, the Red Army re-established Russian control and the "Tuvian People's Republic" was created.

On August 17, 1944, a special session of the Little Hural (Governmental Council) of Tuva signed a petition addressed to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, asking for Tuva's incorporation in the Soviet Union. The wishes of the people were not considered; there was no plebiscite or referendum.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet agreed to the request and on October 13, 1944, the Tuvian People's Republic became part of the Soviet State, as the "Tuvian Autonomous Oblast."

Today, deprived of every vestige of autonomy and robbed of its whole political status, it is merely an "oblast" (or region) within that sprawling land-mass known as the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic.

THE MOSLEMS

It has, in fact, met the same fate as two other former "Soviet People's Republics"—Bokhara and Khorezm, previously known as the Emirate of Bokhara and the Khanate of Khiva. Both the "People's Republics," like Tannu Tuva, were formerly outside the Soviet Union, and were linked with the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic by treaties of alliance. Within their borders, and in the neighbourhood, Turkmen, Soviet Socialist

majority of Central Asian Moslems.

But in the early 1920's, in a move designed to undermine Moslem strength, and to reinforce Communist rule, the two Republics were formally annexed to the Soviet Union and the Turkmen SSR was divided into the Kazakh, Kirghiz Tadzhik, Turkmen and Uzbek SSR's, which effectively split up the compact mass of Moslem peoples in the Soviet Union.

Soviet propaganda claims that these republics have the status of independent states. But these claims are absurd, and are entirely refuted by the text of Article 14, which defines in the most sweeping terms the powers "reserved" to the Central Government in Moscow.

The list of "reserved powers" runs to 24 detailed sub-sections, covering all the principal functions of government. It leaves no shadow of independence to the subjugated, including as it does such vital matters as war and peace, diplomatic relations, defence, taxation, trade and education.

Article 14, in fact, reduces the union republics to a servile sub-colonial status. The republics are the creatures of the centralised bureaucracy of a rigidly centralised empire, and they retain not a vestige of responsible self-government.

THREE VICTIMS

In essentials the fate of Tuva is hardly to be distinguished from that of Bokhara and Khorezm; Tuva has been swallowed by Russia, while Bokhara and Khorezm have been swallowed by other republics. All three are victims of blatant Soviet imperialism in miniature.

Yet Kremlin propaganda never wavers of condemning colonisation by Western "land-grabbers." That, of course, is the automatic Party line. More significant is the fact that in 1941 the Government of the USSR accepted an Allied Powers' declaration against any "aggrandisement, territorial or other."

Yet the facts speak for themselves. In Europe alone, since 1939, the USSR has annexed 487,000 square kilometres (178,049 square miles) of territory and more than 21,000,000 people.

Soviet rapacity has laid hands upon Eastern Poland, Bessarabia, Karelia, East Prussia, Ruthenia, Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia—to say nothing of the Communist-dominated satellite states of Central and Eastern Europe.

In the Far East and in the Middle East, the same expansionist policy prevails. Nationalist movements are constantly exploited, in order, to intensify the tensions of the cold war, and to push forward the

Let's Face Up to Facts About this Friction

New York, Tuesday. At the English-Speaking Union the other day I asked Colonel J. J. Astor, chairman of the Times, about news dispatches from London reporting British coolness to Mr. Eisenhower. Colonel Astor said almost everyone, except one or two individuals in Parliament, had confidence in, and affection for, President-elect Eisenhower.

An American reporter, who was in the group at the English-Speaking Union, asked Colonel Astor about reports of brawls and friction in England between American troops and British civilians. Colonel Astor said: "I've heard more about that here than in Britain. There's been a little trouble between hot-heads both British and American, that's all."

Another American reporter asked about the alleged lack of objectivity during and after the American election—the apparent British prejudice for Adlai Stevenson.

The colonel said he thought the British newspapers, certainly the Times, had been objective.

Then we all dropped the subject. But there was dissatisfaction among the American Press representatives, as there is among the American public.

For several days now we have been hearing about "the Bevan influence, the cartoon of brick, the criticism of Eisenhower" in Britain and France.

Not ignored

WE have even read in some newspapers here of a "mounting 'Hate America' campaign in Britain." Anti-American sentiment is declared to be growing up and down the United Kingdom and in France too.

Mr. Bevan and his views are getting a considerable amount of publicity, and Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, the Socialist member of Parliament who recently toured the United States, has even been getting space for his opinion.



Haig, Joffre, Lloyd George. Date: September 1918. Place: France. Discussion: The Breakthrough; note L.G.'s quizzical look.

GEORGE V BACKED HIM

REVEALED in the Haig Papers is the field-marshal's friendship with King George V—his best friend in the battle with Lloyd George.

The King was his powerful aide, too, in Haig's intrigues against Sir John French (later Lord Ypres) and Kitchener.

In 1915 French bungled the battle of Loos by refusing to hand over the reserves to Haig in time to exploit a breakthrough. French in a deceitful report, blamed Haig, who immediately wrote to Kitchener.

A week later he was telling Lord Haldane, and then Lord Robertson, the Chief of the General Staff, finally the King himself, was advised that French should go. The King told Asquith, then Premier. In France in spite of L. G., and French went. Haig took his place.

It was in 1916 that the King had written secretly to Haig: "I hope you will from time to time write to me quite freely. Naturally I shall consider your letters in the strictest confidence."

So when, a year later, Haig learned of a Lloyd George plan to replace him by a Frenchman, he wrote promptly to the King telling all and offering his resignation. Lord Stamfordham, the King's private secretary, replied that the War Cabinet decision had not reached the King until four days after the Calais conference at which Haig learned of the plan.

Lloyd George, probably aware of Haig's royal friendship and past intrigues, had almost cer-

tainly decided to keep the King in ignorance.

Within a week Haig was in Buckingham Palace. He wrote that the King "was furious with Lloyd George and said he was to see him tomorrow."

The King warned Haig not to resign, or Lloyd George might call an election and win a great majority.

The Haig-Lloyd George feud went on even after victory.

Lloyd George arranged an allied victory drive through London with Haig in the fifth echelon. This was "more of an insult than I can put up with, even from the Prime Minister."

The real truth, which history will show, is that the British Army has won the war. I have no intention of taking part in any triumphal ride with Foch, or with any pack of foreigners, through the streets of London, mainly to add to L. G.'s importance and help him in his election campaign.

Nor did he.

Haig's diaries are shot through with fear for French morale and distrust of their generalship and fighting ability.

In February 1916 he was saying French troops and commanders were good; but a month later he wrote: "There are not many officers in the French staff with gentlemanly ideas. They are out to get as much from the British as they possibly can."

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that almost anyone else would have been preferable to the British.

If this is true, then something unfortunate has happened to British tact, British diplomacy and manners.

Is anti-American feeling sweeping Britain? Are Americans disliked in England? I have been asking British visitors here, from high Government officials to commercial travellers, but have not had a convincing answer.

Ike's Cabinet

THE high Government officials twine and hastily change the subject; the travelling salesman talk vaguely of "too much American money; boasting, and success with the girls."

Curiously, the reports of Anglo-American splits and suspicions seem to be disturbing almost everyone here except the Americans most involved. There is no worry, no resentment at President-elect Eisenhower's headquarters in New York's bustling Commodore Hotel.

I have been in and about the headquarters quite a bit during the past day or two and the Victory flush is still glowing there. There is even a sign in one room: "We ain't mad at no-body."

It is taken for granted, in the Comptroller, that Mr. Eisenhower has chosen the very best men for the key jobs. Certainly Senator Robert Taft, who some-

what precipitately had drawn up his list of Cabinet Ministers for Eisenhower's approval, hasn't got what he wanted.

If the British had fears about Taft's vast influence they are proved unfounded. Here the fears are more concentrated on Mr. Eisenhower's trip to Korea. The President-elect is shattering precedent. He is going to the firing-line at considerable personal risk. He is taking a big chance, not merely on his own safety but his own reputation and popularity. If he comes back empty-handed his Administration could start on a note of failure.

In entertainment, Thanksgiving Week (is celebrated by the opening of "Hans Christian Andersen," starring Danny Kaye and produced by Samuel Goldwyn. A delightful fairy tale.

Comedy

IT is unfortunate that Mr. Goldwyn has been quoted as saying such harsh things about Charles Chaplin. The pack here are still marling at Chaplin. A rather forced comedy, "The Seven Year Itch," featuring Tom Ewell, is as successful with Broadway audiences that it looks like running seven years.

Ben Lilla has been offered a fat Hollywood contract as a result of her triumph with the musical "An Evening with Ben Lilla."

Half a dozen Alce Guineas films are now running in New York and "Life magazine has crowned him 'Also the Great'."



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BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THE considerable opposition to the construction in Bolivia of a tin-smelting plant is justified by fear of unemployment among smelters in other countries.

But there is the additional point that Bolivia is a low-grade and difficult to treat, and unless Unesco is prepared to pay a sum of \$100,000,000 for the plant in Montana it is not easy to see where the money will come from. There must be a repetition of the Camaguey fiasco, which resulted in the discovery that there was no tin in the campaign, and that only big quantities of oil were being transported to a tin-smelting plant at Bilancón.

Marginal note

BY far the funniest sentence in any of the funnier sentences in the world is: "For considerations of taste."

The menace of music
INDUSTRIAL psychotherapists have had a lot of say about the benefits of music to speed the work of making the worker content. This doctrine is now being

challenged. It has been ascertained that "some music drops things while they play their hands in time to the tune, and hit things in time with the rhythm." It is easy to understand a man who beats time with an enormous hammer on a delicate model of machinery, not helping out—whatever he's doing for music. Moreover, it will not be long before flighty girls at a typewriter begin to shake their shoulders and jiggle their feet. An outbreak of dancing would spread quickly, and would reduce the whole factory to a dance hall.

Twenty Years of Upoor

It is necessary, in writing of a musical performance, to employ the language of musical criticism.

Of course, you must not write: "Having binged about the keyboard like a drunken sailor, he brought one hand down with a re-fut whack, which seemed to shake the paltry instrument. Then, like a footman holding a lit torch, he coughed a recalcitrant note or two with a bent finger. Then at a snail's pace, he played a series of chords, which came crashing down like an oak-tree uprooted in a storm."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... BY STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

BORN today, you have high ideals as well as the energy and the resourcefulness to execute them successfully. You have a keen, quick mind and good judgment. You know how to work hard and expect others to do the same. You have a great deal of patience with those who try, but are completely contemptuous of those who fail to use them effectively.

You do have a definite talent for working with people, however, and will do well in any executive job. At heart you are a kindly, sympathetic and willing to listen to an explanation for a lapse in good work. But the reason had better be valid if you are to accept it. You are just as exacting with yourself as it may be said that you practise what you preach.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

HAQITARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Make definite plans for your future. Clear up any detail work which may be hanging over your head.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Even if your writing is a bore for you, the recipients may receive a great deal of pleasure so write.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't neglect your wardrobe these days. If you need some new things, buy them now, advantageously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Do something new today and it will work. All research, experimentation or invention is particularly favoured.

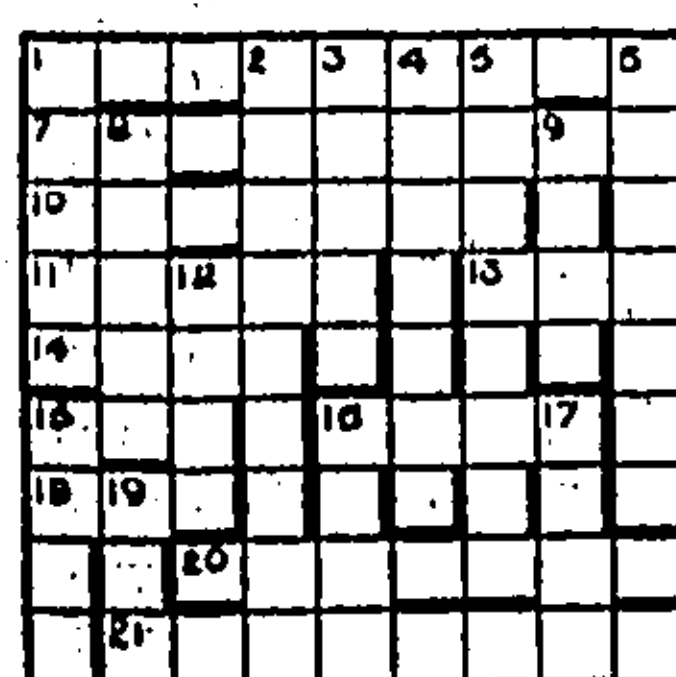
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't hang on to possessions which have passed their usefulness for you. Pass them on to another.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be confident matters are especially favoured now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Be thoughtful of the happiness of others. Children need your special attention just at this time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Some outdoor exercise will bolster your spirits. Take a long walk, if nothing better offers.

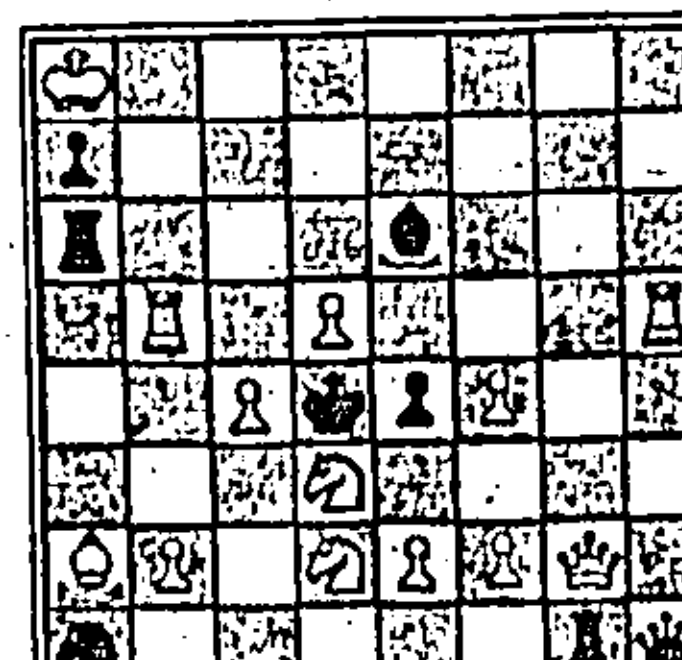
CROSSWORD



1. Vegetable repository. (5, 4)
2. Tormek with a nail test. (9)
3. Pride resulting from success. (7)
4. With native following it is offering a choice. (6)
5. What the sadder may do? (3)
6. A word for a soldier. (4)
7. Showers without a strip. (3)
8. Implements broken footwear. (4)
9. A dog may be a good one. (3)
10. Put on as a Negro slave. (5)
11. Make the gent stop over the boldness. (4, 4)
12. A word for a soldier. (4)
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CHESS PROBLEM

By O. STOCCHI
Black, 8 pieces.

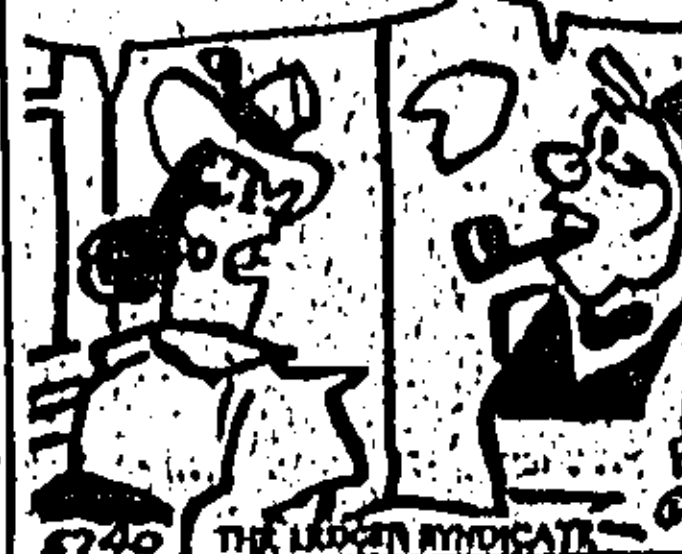


White, 13 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kt-B7. 1... R-QB1; 2. R-KP1; 1... R-Q2; 4. 2. R-KKt1; 1... R-KB1; 2. R-QB1; 1... R-Q3; 2. P-R (dis ch).

DUMB BELLS

THESE ROOMS AREN'T ALLOWED TO SWING IN THIS LARGE APARTMENT HOUSE, MA'AM!



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Good Defence Will Help Win Games

NORTH		12
♠	10 5 3	
♥	Q 10 8	
♦	10 8 3	
WEST		EAST (D)
♠	K Q 8 2	♠ 10 4
♥	10 8 5	♥ A 8 4 3 2
♦	8 3 2	♦ A 7 4
♣	5 4 2	♣ A 7
SOUTH		
♠	A 10	
♥	K 7	
♦	Q 9 5	
♣	K Q 9 8	

Neither side vul.
North-South, 30 part score
East South West North
1♥ N.T. Pass 2N.T.
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead—♥ 10

BY OSWALD JACOBY

AS a general rule, the best defence against a no-trump contract is to hammer away at a long suit, in order to develop tricks with low cards. If the defenders switch about from one suit to another, they usually help declarer.

In today's hand we see the exception to this rule. The best defence was to switch from hearts to spades and back again at every opportunity. This hand is more in the nature of a curiosity than a model to be followed.

West opened the ten of hearts and East won with the ace. East promptly shifted to the seven of spades, and South had to play low. If South had put up the ace of spades, he would have lost three spades and three aces.

West won with the queen of spades and shifted back to hearts, dummy winning with the queen. Declarer led a club to knock out East's ace, and East led a second spade through declarer's ace.

Once again, South could not afford to put up the ace of spades. If he did, he was sure to lose three spades and three aces, so South finessed the jack of spades, and West won with the king. West promptly switched back to hearts, knocking out declarer's last stopper in that suit.

Declarer could get nowhere without attacking diamonds, so East got in with the ace of diamonds in time to cash his last two hearts. The contract was therefore set two tricks, with two spades, three aces, and two long hearts.

It is interesting to note that South would have made his contract if the defenders had simply plugged away at hearts for all they were worth. For example, suppose East, with the ace of hearts and a club, another heart to begin with, South wins and knocks out the ace of clubs.

East forces out South's remaining heart stopper, and South knocks out the ace of diamonds. East can now take a total of three aces and two long hearts. When East has done so, South is ready to take the rest of the tricks.

CARD GAME

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Heart	Pass	2 Diamonds	Pass
2 Hearts	Pass	2 Spades	Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-2, Hearts A-K-Q-J-5-2, Diamonds 8-5, Clubs Q-9-6. What do you do?

A—Bid four hearts. North shows a strong hand by his "everest" bid of two spades. You have already made a minimum rebid of two hearts and can now afford to come out from behind the bushes with a jump to game. A bid of only three hearts might put considerable strain on North.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q, Hearts A-K-Q-J-5-2, Diamonds 8-5-3, Clubs 9-6-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

INTELLIGENCE TEST

THE LEGACY

By T. O. HARR

YOUNG Wapaketa—more fortunate than most of his kind in process of receiving, in five annual installments, money for his late father's legacy, accounts in all to \$10,000. The sum, which Wapaketa received the first year was the product of his own hard work. For each year to year he had saved a sum of money, which he had multiplied to be three times that sum by the end of the year before.

What will the fifth and last installment of the legacy amount to?

(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE

DOCTOR'S WIFE WINS PRIZE FOR EMBROIDERY

Ex-soldier uses Queen's yacht design



Miss Sinclair Salmon, Embroiderers' Guild Secretary, displays Mr Rhodes' design of the Queen's yacht.

REPAINTING CUSHIONS

If you want fresh and hand-painted in the basement, away from flying insects and falling leaves.

Wash them thoroughly with soap and water, then wipe off with turpentine. Give the surfaces a coat of quick-drying enamel, doing one side one day, the other side the next day. Do the same with the cushions next spring, prepare the way now.

Pack your outdoor things away completely clean, and you'll have a sweeter storage space all winter long, and well-protected furniture and accessories that will unpack as good as new come next spring.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Ever Try Counting Stars?

—General Tin Had a Scheme, But It Didn't Work—

By MAX TRELL

IT was a beautiful starry evening. Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, looked out of the window and saw the stars twinkling and blinking, and blinking and twinkling. There seemed to be millions of them—millions and billions and trillions.

Hanid suddenly felt someone standing next to her. It was General Tin, the tin soldier. "I suppose," he said, smiling, "that you're wondering how many stars there are in the sky?"

How Many Stars?

"Just what I was wondering. How many stars are there in the sky?"

"Once," replied General Tin after a moment or two, "I counted them."

General Tin sighed. "But I never found out exactly how

many there are. It was very disappointing."

"Well, it all happened on a night just like this. I was standing on top of a hill. The whole sky was all around me, with no trees or houses or anything else in the way. And all the stars were twinkling and blinking just as they are tonight. So I said to myself, just as you said to yourself, 'I wonder how many stars there are.'"

And you started to count them?" said Hanid.

"I started to count them," said General Tin. "I counted and counted... and counted and counted. Then I took a deep breath and counted and

counted some more. But it was very strange. The more I counted, the more of them there seemed to be. Finally I stopped counting. I knew that if I was going to count the stars I would have to find a different way to do it."

Hanid said in a puzzled voice: "different way? General Tin? What kind of a different way?"

"To tell you the truth, I couldn't think of a different way all at once. It took me quite a long time, until last night, I thought of it. It was quite a good way—or at least it seemed to be a good way."

"You see," the General continued, "the trouble with counting all the stars by yourself is that you're sure to get mixed up. The only thing to do is to get lots of other people to help you."

"That's a wonderful idea!" General Tin nodded. "I decided that if everyone else just counted one star each, there would be no trouble at all. No one would get mixed up. No

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France's Top Designer Would Be A Hit With Women

By GAY PAULEY

New York.

France's newest big-name designer would be a hit with women, even if he didn't make glamorous clothes for them.

Hubert de Givenchy, the talk of the international dress-making set, looks more like a matinee idol than a man who makes a living with shears and sketching pad.

He is six feet, six inches tall, dark-haired and broad-shouldered, has a Continental charm, and he's single.

De Givenchy, at 26, is one of the world's busiest designers, although his rise to fashion came with a sudden. You will see his stamp on several American-made lines, including hats, suits, and dresses. Come spring, a de Givenchy bathing suit collection will be available.

De Givenchy has been working with fabrics since he was 17, when he joined the Paris dress house of Jacques Fath. After that apprenticeship, he worked with two other French designers—Robert Piguet and Elsa Schiaparelli.

"I just did something no-one else thought of," he said, through an interpreter. "I used men's shirts... plain old white shirts... for everything from blouse, to evening dresses. I wanted to show lots of fabrics, but I couldn't afford expensive stuff."

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Last year he went out on his own. His first collection was shown in Paris last spring.

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"After working with shirting," he said, "I found it is a beautiful and graceful material. The more you wash it, the more supple it becomes."

His second, or mid-summer collection of clothing was such a hit that women lined up for blocks outside his shop, hoping for a look at his work.

Now, de Givenchy has contracted with several American manufacturers who will use his designs for clothing most of you can afford.

The youthful designer said he would rather make clothes for American women than for his French customers.

"French women are shorter and a bit thicker," he explained. "American women are taller and slimmer. Their figures are a dressmaker's dream."

"And," he added, with an appreciative grin, "their legs are all I had heard them to be."—United Press.

INDIANA DINNER

Tomato Juice Lemon Wedges
Meat Loaf Brown Gravy
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Meat Loaf

In a good-sized bowl combine 1 lb. ground raw beef, 1/4 lb. ground lean pork, 2 c. cracker crumbs, 1 beaten egg, 1 c. whole milk, 1/2 c. tomato ketchup, 4 tsp. minced onion, 2 tsp. salt, and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Mix thoroughly. Form into a long loaf, and place in an oiled shallow baking pan. Bake 1 1/2 hrs. in a moderate oven, 350° F. Baste occasionally with 2 tsp. margarine melted in 1/2 c. hot water. Make gravy from the drippings in the pan. Enough for 2 meals.

Harvard Beets

Drain the liquid from 1 (No. 2) tin sliced beets, and measure out 1/2 c. To the beet liquid add 1 tsp. cornstarch and stir until dissolved. Then add 1/4 c. vinegar, 1/4 c. sugar, and 1 tsp. butter; cook and stir in a double-boiler until the liquid is translucent. Add salt to taste and the beets, and heat. Serves 4.

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Colonial Students Entertained By MPs In London

Colonial visitors to London, particularly students, are welcoming an opportunity to meet Government Ministers, MPs and others actively connected with Commonwealth and Colonial affairs.

The London Young Conservatives Association is arranging a series of "get-together" evenings to which they will be invited.

At a recent meeting of 200 Conservatives and their overseas guests, Conservative MPs showed they were equally interested in meeting the Commonwealth representatives.

At the reception, held in the Mayfair home of Sir Wavell and Lady Wavell, the M.P.s present included Lord Munster, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies; Mr. Dods Parker, Chairman of the Imperial Affairs Committee of the Conservative Party; Captain R. E. Ryder, V.C., Vice-Chairman; Mr. A. E. Baldwin, Chairman of the

East African sub-committee of the Conservative Party; Mr. C. J. M. Alport; Mr. E. Partidge. Lord Munster, the Guest of Honour, represented Mr. Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, whose absence in Kenya prevented him attending. Lord Munster set the keynote for the occasion.

A LONG WAY
In a speech to the guests, he said that he was pleased to be at the reception and to meet people from so many different territories.

He hoped that the occasion would mark the beginning of lasting friendship amongst those meeting for the first time.

Success of the evening can be gauged by comments from students. They expressed the hope that there would be more opportunities of this kind. One of them—an economics student from Nigeria—thought that such meetings were "a long way towards making overseas students feel at home in Britain."

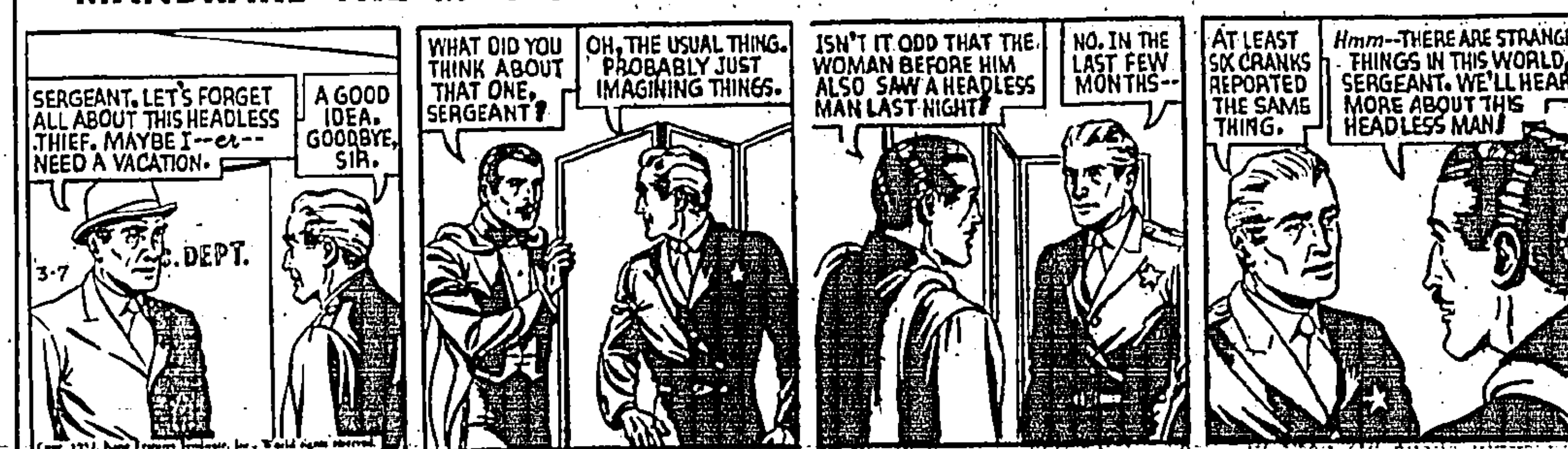
This was the second of such meetings; the first was held last year. It is now hoped that they will take place two or three times each year. The vice-chairman of the London Young Conservatives, Mr. Robert Vigers, said, "We are very interested in contacting overseas students and helping them to settle down here."

Refused To Tell

Washington, Dec. 3.
Mr. Frank Coc, the economist who refused to tell Senate investigators whether he was ever a Communist or a wartime spy, was dismissed today as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund—Reuter.

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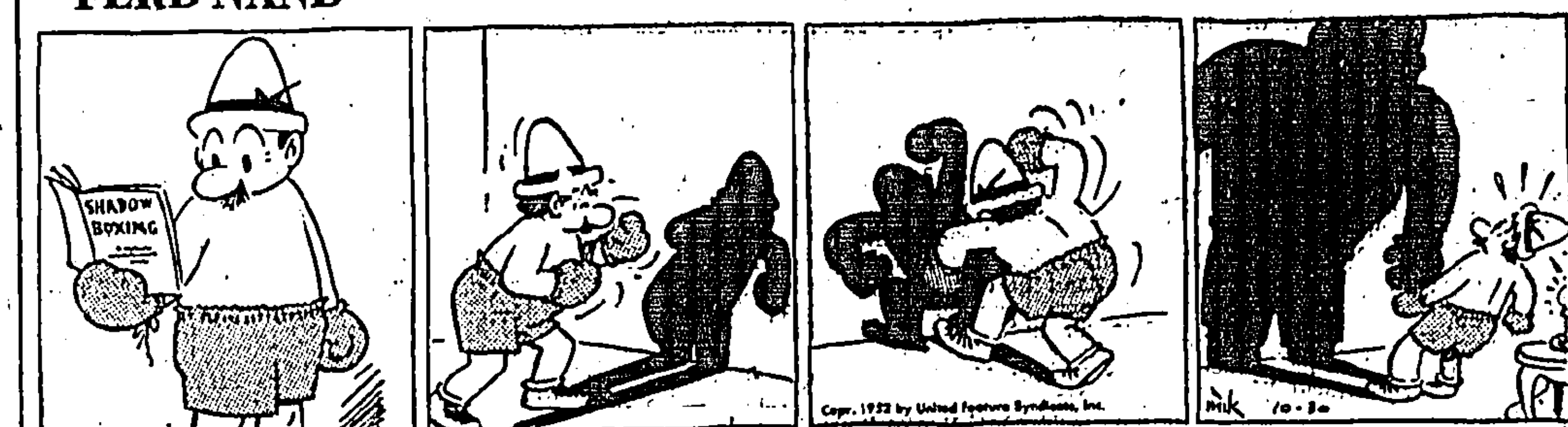
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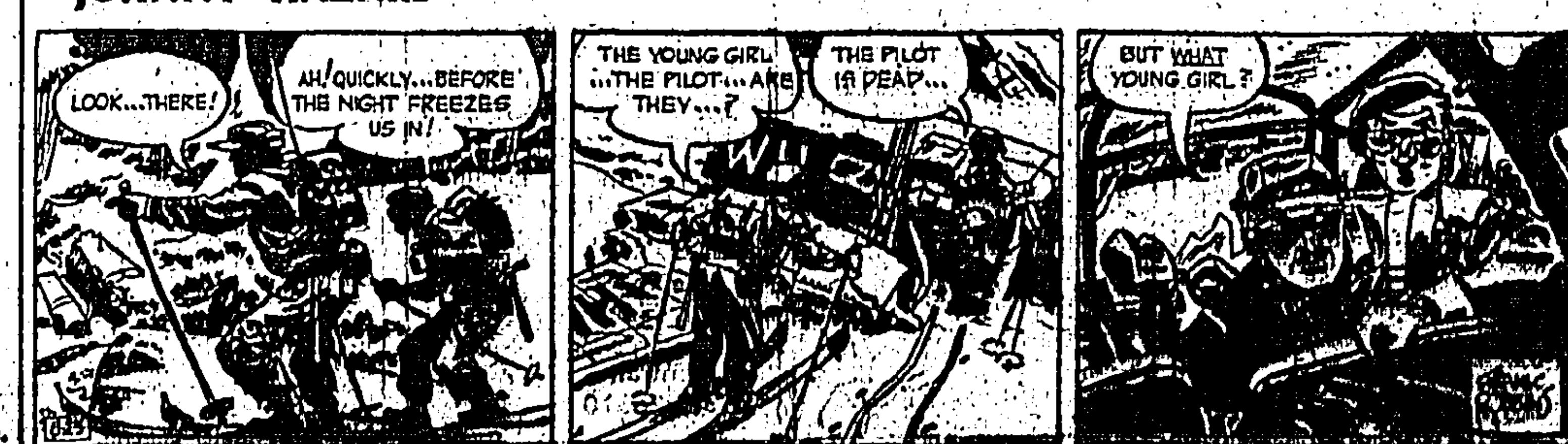
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U.S. Purchases Of Foreign Raw Materials

Washington, Dec. 3.
The American Iron and Steel Institute said yesterday that purchases of raw materials aboard for use in steel production in the United States amounted to an estimated \$320,000,000 in 1951.

Purchases were made in 74 countries and territories.

The largest disbursement—to Canada—was \$91,000,000, principally for nickel, iron ore, zinc and ferro-manganese.

The second largest—nearly \$32,000,000—went to Europe (outside of Norway and Sweden but including Britain).

It was by far the most valuable material from that area although originating in other parts of the world.

Three regions came next each with values of around \$27,000,000 to \$28,000,000.

They were Norway and Sweden, which supplied mainly iron ore and ferro-alloys, India and Southern Asia, sending principally tin but also manganese, tungsten and chromite ore, and East Asia, including the East Indies, Japan and neighbouring territories shipping a variety of materials including tin, various alloy ores and palm oil.—United Press.

CONVICT GIVEN 12 STROKES

Dartmoor, Dec. 3.
William Edward McGuire, 22, serving a sentence of 14 years imprisonment at Dartmoor after being convicted at Maidstone in November, 1938, for shooting at a policeman and shopbreaking, has been given 12 strokes for assaulting a warden in October. The visiting Magistrate ordered that in addition McGuire should lose 12 months' remission of sentence and undergo a 15-day punishment or bread and water for meals—Reuter.

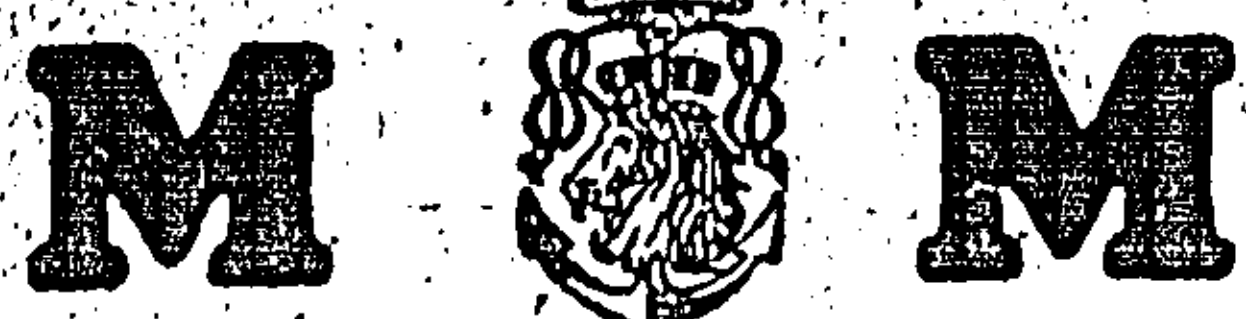
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"Wait & See" Attitude Over Japan

New York, Dec. 3. American businessmen have adopted a cautious and hopeful attitude toward investment in the United States. This attitude amounts to a "wait and see" policy. Japan, prior to World War II, had reputation here for sound business practices, and American investors are now waiting to see whether the Japanese can restore a stable economy.

There are very few areas in the world at present that look attractive to U.S. investment capital. Canada is perhaps the best. There is a long list of countries which, in the Wall Street vernacular, have an "unfavorable climate" for investment.

American financiers are quite hopeful that Japan will soon join the circle in which the outlook is favorable.

Mr. Edgar W. Smith, Vice-President of General Motors Overseas Corporation, summed up the attitude toward investment in Japan when he told the United Press: "The situation there is too new for us to tell about the investment possibilities."

The subject of foreign investment received major attention during last week's National Foreign Trade Convention here. The declaration, adopted by the delegates and which they hope will influence the foreign economic policy of the Eisenhower Administration, contained the following: "It is favorable investment climates are to be created abroad, our Government must make it clear by word and action that American public funds will not be made available for projects which, under proper conditions, could be financed by private capital."—United Press.

Sales May Break The US Record

New York, Dec. 3. Retail sales in the U.S. will reach an all-time high of \$16,500,000,000 in December, Sales Management magazine predicts in its monthly forecast.

The publication said that this figure, representing a great seasonal upsurge that would break records in almost all retailing categories, would represent a gain of eight per cent over December 1951.

An exception to the record-setting trend, it said, will be Department stores with sales that have been trailing the general retailing pattern by almost four per cent.

Sales Management reported that some concern has been expressed over the fact that an unduly high proportion of new hard goods sales is being financed, and total consumer credit now is at a record high of \$22,000,000,000.—Associated Press.

Dutch To Make Cortisone

Amsterdam, Dec. 2. Synthetic production of cortisone will be initiated by the Dutch pharmaceutical industry in 1953.

For this production a costly plant is under construction now in the town of Oss, headquarters of this industry, Organon N.V. The factory building has been contracted for 340,700 Guilders. This is only a very small part of the costs of the cortisone plant.

It is expected that Organon will start full-scale cortisone production in May, 1953.—Associated Press.

THE STERLING BALANCES

Problem Not As Formidable Today As In 1947

Business Hopes Rising

New York, Dec. 3. Business goes into the closing weeks of 1952 with confidence increasing—and fears of a slump being pushed farther back.

Industrial leaders, in New York for the annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers, look for good times—but no roaring boom—far into next year, they are being told.

Industrial production is at a pace record high, the Federal Reserve Board says. Manufacturers' sales this year were the highest in history.

New orders for manufactured goods poured in at the highest rate of the year.

Financial leaders, gathered in Florida for the meeting of the Investment Bankers of America, also are getting encouraging predictions.

TAX REDUCTION

Taxes may come down somewhat next year, and more the following year. This year's Federal Budget may be held to around 70 billion dollars, instead of the 85 billion first talked of. And there is talk that the present 75 per cent margin required for buying stocks may be cut, giving brokers—who have been enjoying an "I like it" bill marked in recent days—hope of still more business.

Merchants, whose Yuletide business has been held back by a late Thanksgiving, still are expecting their biggest Christmas trade ever. The next three weeks, they say, could see the greatest crush of shoppers the stores ever have known. Merchants are told that people have bigger incomes this year—and can spend more if they want to. Confidence is likely to be contagious in the business world. Even foreign traders are catching on.

World trade has been dropping this year—both exports and imports trailing. But some are now predicting a reversal of this trend shortly. Others are saying that trade relations with Europe are getting more healthy, with the dollar gap steadily narrowing. And Europe's financial prospects brighter than a few months ago.

HOPEFUL SIGNS

Two of businessmen's biggest uncertainties apparently are being resolved. One is whether there would be a truce in Korea. This could upset some industrial plans. Russia's recent loud "No" to India's plans seems to have ended that hope, and America's defense programme will apparently continue at the scheduled pace.

Another thing that some businessmen had feared was that next month's change in the U.S. Federal administration would come as a jolt, with uncertainties all up and down the line.

President-elect Eisenhower, has named his cabinet in quick time.

And if some of his appointees may be not too familiar to all businessmen, many are expressing relief that the new President will have time to learn their jobs and take over without a hitch, both in domestic and foreign affairs. The public will have a chance to learn ahead of time what their policies are likely to be.

Another hopeful sign to many businessmen is that remaining governmental controls are being eased fast. Few expect Federal controls to survive far into the coming year.

CAUTION NOTE

In the midst of all this optimism, however, some business leaders are sounding two notes of caution:

(1) A downturn, however slight, is still considered likely in another nine to twelve months.

(2) A business administration in Washington puts the responsibility squarely up to business. The public will be watching closely how businessmen handle what they are calling their better opportunities—and especially how they handle a slump, should one develop.—Associated Press.

SWISS HAVE A DEFICIT.

Zurich, Dec. 3. Switzerland booked a deficit with the European Payments Union in November of approximately 101 million francs, a result of the transfer of 100 million francs loan to France through the Union's books.

In October, Switzerland had a favorable balance of 134 million francs.—Reuter.

But Could Be Danger To Convertibility Scheme

London, Dec. 3. An examination of the external payments of the Sterling Area, such as that now being undertaken by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference, cannot fail to embrace the problem of the Sterling balances, says the "Financial Times."

Indeed, if it is the intention to draw up a programme for making Sterling convertible at the earliest possible time, recollections of the painful experiences of 1947 will ensure that this matter is kept well to the fore.

It is now generally conceded that the convertibility venture of 1947 would ultimately have proved a failure even if it had been possible to limit the application of the dollar conversion right to current account Sterling, the theoretical intention.

But there can be little doubt that the main reason why the scheme collapsed in such disastrous fashion is that it proved impossible in practice to prevent the conversion into dollars of large quantities of "old Sterling" many countries had available in the inflated balances inherited from the war.

Fortunately, the problem of the Sterling balances is now much less formidable than it was in the initial post-war period.

The total of the debts is not, it is true, materially lower than it was in 1947.

If the sums owed to the European Payments Union, which is a form of Sterling balance, are brought into the reckoning, the current total is about £3,600m. And this is no more than about 2 or 3 per cent short of the figure of five years ago.

In the interim, however, two developments have been at work.

REDUCED BURDEN

The first of these is the reduction in the real value of the debts caused by the rise in the world price level. In terms of British goods, the purchasing power of the current total of the Sterling balances is only about 70 per cent of that of the 1947 total.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to 3,365,784. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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Capital Flowing Into Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 3. The Communist conquest of China caused capital from all parts of the world which formerly found its way into that country to pour into Singapore, the Colony's Financial Secretary, W.C. Taylor, said.

He said two factors attracting capital here were the low rate of income tax and the solid backing of Sterling.

Mr. Taylor said though there was a slump in the textile trade in the Colony at present, all other trades, especially the entertainment business, was thriving.—Associated Press.

A DEEP BITE

In most cases it has been considered advisable to increase the monetary value of such reserves to take account of the fall in the purchasing power of the £.

The change in the price-level has thus bitten deeply into that portion of the Sterling balances which had been regarded as available for actual spending.

Countries like India and Pakistan, which were formerly so anxious to press for the early repayment of their Sterling balances, are now tending to guard what is still left.

The beneficial effect of the decline in the real value of the Sterling debts has been underlined by Whitehall here, for instance, climbed from about a sixth to almost a third.

SEVERE FALL

The independent Sterling Area countries still possess about £1,500m of Sterling reserves.

But almost without exception these countries have experienced a severe fall in their balances during the past 18 months, net losses sustained by the group having amounted to no less than £700m.

In the case of Australia and New Zealand the downward movement has just been reversed, but it was continuing until quite recently in the case of the Asian group of self-governing Sterling countries—India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

All these countries are anxious to conserve what Sterling they now possess.

Then again, the re-distribution has reduced the balances held by non-Sterling countries—the part of the debt which, for obvious reasons, could be most troublesome—from £1,300m. in 1947 to £850m. today.

STILL AN OBSTACLE

And of the latter figure some £170m is Egypt's blocked accounts, while the bulk of the balance represents working balances held by other countries (mainly European) and are, therefore, unlikely to be heavily reduced in the normal course of events.

On the surface, all this is encouraging.

But it must not be argued that as a result of these developments Sterling balances can no longer present a major obstacle to Sterling convertibility.

It may be true that at the moment holders of the balances can be counted upon in general to retain them.

But it could be a different story if an opportunity arose for the conversion of these balances into dollars.

A POSSIBILITY

The British authorities might, for instance, find themselves called upon to convert a substantial portion of present European holdings of £350m.

And there are some Sterling Area countries that are likely to have a large gold and dollar element in their exchange reserves.

Pressure from either of these directions could create a new convertibility venture.

It is a possibility that must be fully considered in any plan.

Tobacco Control Hinted

London, Dec. 3.

Rigid control in planting Canada's Spring crop of tobacco may have to be exercised because British is cutting her imports by 75 per cent.

Mr. N. A. Macne, head of the Canadian Agriculture Department's Tobacco Division, said yesterday at the 14th annual Federal Provincial Agricultural Conference that Britain contemplates buying only £10,000,000 of Canadian tobacco next year.

This, he said, would be a reduction of 75 per cent of Canada's 1952 exports to dollar-short Britain.

Exports to the British West Indies and Australia were not expected to exceed £5,000,000 and there were no additional export outlets in sight.

"Therefore, the outlook for 1953 in general would appear to require some action which would result in a drastic expansion of the domestic market, as well as an increase in exports of raw leaf," he said.

"Otherwise, the grower will be required to exercise drastic controls over plantings next Spring."—Reuter.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, Dec. 3.

Despite wide gains made by oils, the market, closed lower with the setback attributed to a technical reaction after the post-election gains. Traders were optimistic, however, looking forward to renewed market vigor and an advance stemming partly from confidence in the business outlook.

Dealings totalled 1,710,000. Of 1,107 issues traded, 420 advanced, 842 declined and 305 were unchanged. Industrials were 81 cents lower, rails 60 and utilities 14. Oils gained. Some rails were higher about 1/8, but many lost fractionally. Steels eased. Chemicals moved irregularly about a point each way.—United Press.

Seeds And Oils

New York, Dec. 3.

Prices for the seeds and oils market closed unchanged with the following exceptions:

Tung oil, in tank cars, New York per lb. 35 cents.

Peanut oil, per lb. F.O.B. New York. 26 cents.—United Press.

LONDON RUBBER

London, Dec. 3.

The rubber market was quiet today. Prices closed as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in pencil, per lb. 25 1/2.

Number 2 rubber, in pencil, per lb. 25 1/4.

Number 3 rubber, in pencil, per lb. 25 1/4.

Number 4 rubber, in pencil, per lb. 25 1/4.

Number 5 rubber, in pencil, per lb. 25 1/4.

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ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

<u>RAILINGS</u>		<u>To</u>
"TASMAN"	Dec. 7	Singapore, Penang & Belawan D
"TJIPANAN"	Dec. 8	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TJIPANAN"	Dec. 9	Manilla, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & N. America
"TJIPANAN"	Dec.	

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Man In A Mask

YOUNG, he must have been strikingly handsome. Now, at 63, which these days is reckoned neither old nor young, but the elastic prime of a man's life, Oliver is still good-looking.

You could mistake him for a actor-manager of the old, declamatory school. He is tall, broad-shouldered, has a slight stoop, and wears his white hair long. "Leonine" would be the novelist's word for his fine head; I thought of him as the man in the mask.

For those looks of his, and his bearing, with its suggestion of swagger, formed a facade to conceal a life that seemed for the last few years to have been crumbling like an old, neglected building.

FIVE years ago, Oliver was leading the sort of life hundreds of thousands of others lead, that seems sometimes humdrum while you lead it, but infinitely to be desired when you can lead it no longer. Many men plucked by war from jobs they had considered drab almost beyond endurance were amazed to find how good those jobs seemed, once they had quit them. So it was with Oliver, though it was not war that brought upon him this realisation.

Five years ago, Oliver was living with his wife in a south coast town. He worked as a clerk. It was an unexciting job, and some may hold that Oliver's was at that time an unexciting existence. But it contained, as well as all the irritations, compensating small pleasures, and Oliver was content.

FOUR years ago his wife died. Oliver's recovery from the blow was slow. He had hardly got on terms with himself and life again, when another blow fell at the office, where he worked, he was told he was redundant.

For all that you may be in your prime at 60, it is not very easy to get a new job when you pass that age. For one thing, you upset sensitive superannuation schemes.

Oliver tried to find work. He failed, and he began to drift downwards, the whole edifice of his life, built up over those 63 years, began to crumble.

He began to drink—surgical spirit. He began to get into other sorts of minor trouble. The other day Oliver came to London, and he committed three crimes in the course of about 15 minutes.

HE arrived at Victoria and tried to pass through the barrier by offering a platform ticket he had bought, at the sea-side town where he lived, as a rail ticket for his journey.

The ticket collector, sizing him up, seeing only the handsome facade, was content to make a note of Oliver's address, and let him go. Oliver went to a hotel nearby, and from the cloakroom there, stole an overcoat. Presently, he returned to the station, and making no attempt to hide what he was doing, picked up a parcel he saw lying with others in a pile, and made off with it.

A porter stopped him, and the police were called. Next morning, at Bow Street, Oliver pleaded guilty before Sir Laurence Dunne to all three crimes.

"He has twice been before courts this year," a police officer told the Chief Magistrate.

"He was sent to prison for a month in January in the town where he lives, for shoplifting. In March he was discharged conditionally in the same court for travelling on the railway without a ticket."

THE officer outlined, for Sir Laurence what had happened to Oliver since the death of his wife. "He seems to be deteriorating rapidly," the policeman said, with what sounded like real concern in his voice.

"He certainly seemed on this occasion to be determined to get arrested for something," the Chief Magistrate observed. He remanded Oliver in custody, so that the magistrates in the seaside town might be consulted regarding their conditional discharge of him.

Oliver left for the cells. He held his head high; there was still a little swagger left in his walk. The facade was preserved; he still wore the mask.



Following difficulties with the Soviet Guard at the Spandau Prison for war criminals, the British Commanding Officer of the City of Berlin, Major-General C. F. C. Coleman, made a formal protest to the Soviet authorities and ordered troops out to erect barbed wire. The Soviet Guard of the prison have continued to obstruct passage by night along a path bordering the prison grounds and prevented Germans from entering or leaving their homes in the immediate neighbourhood of the gaol. British troops are seen erecting the barbed wire fences near the prison. — London Express.

Taxi Driver Appeals Against Kowloon Magistrate's Ruling

An appeal against sentence was brought by Gu Chu-kwong, of 14, Yim Po Fong Street, driver of a public vehicle, before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice E.H. Williams, in the Appeal Court this morning.

Appellant was convicted by Mr D. E. Greenfield, Kowloon Magistrate, for driving a public vehicle without due care and attention near Playfield Road at Nathan Road at 2 p.m. on August 30 last, and fined \$100. The Magistrate also ordered appellant's licence to be suspended for 12 months (subsequently reduced to six months on review) and further recommended that no taxi licence be issued to him again.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva, appeared for appellant. Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, represented the Crown. Mr Chan was present for the Police. Mr Bernacchi said that the appeal was against sentence "and with all due respect to the learned Magistrate, my submission is that from beginning to end in respect to all the features of this sentence he acted upon entirely wrong principles."

After reading extracts from the statement of facts, Mr Bernacchi said that with respect to the learned Magistrate's opinion on his own case to consider taxi drivers in general as being inclined to flout traffic regulations in general, and Counsel asked the Court not to pay any attention to the opinion of the Magistrate when he used such an expression as "stubborn recalcitrance."

NO AGREEMENT
As regards the expression "he (appellant) agreed to the facts presented by the Prosecution in general" Counsel said that there was no record anywhere in the notes before his Lordship as to anything being agreed, let alone any agreement to allegations of former offences.

Counsel said that in the statement of facts the learned Magistrate dealt with the facts as related to him by the Police officer in charge. The facts were that complainant was driving a private motor car along Nathan Road at 20 miles per hour when near Playfield Road the appellant's car suddenly cut in from the purpose of answering a hail from a woman passenger, causing complainant's car to turn right.

"VERY BAD RECORD"
Reading further from the statement of facts, Mr Bernacchi said that the Magistrate went on to say that defendant had a very bad record being suspended for three months without due care and attention, and having 10 previous convictions for other traffic offences.

Counsel said that appellant pleaded guilty to the charge of driving without due care and attention, but on the statement of facts and having regard to the relatively moderate speeds involved (appellant was said to have been driving at 15 mph) there was in fact never any danger of any accident occurring, and that the learned Magistrate seemed to have brought to bear a personal feeling that taxi drivers flouted traffic regulations and in consequence to have imposed on his

7 Elephants Among Ship's Passengers

Seven baby elephants and a bear from the wilds of Cambodia were among passengers disembarking from the French luxury liner La Marseillaise at Kowloon Wharf this morning when she arrived from Saigon.

Trapped by Mr Noel Rosefelt, famous American wildlife hunter and representative of the Catalina Wildlife Expedition of Catalina Island, the elephants are to be trained for the Shriners' Circus next April in the United States.

"I have orders for more than 20 elephants—10 are waiting in India and another six in Bangkok—but this lot is an express shipment for the Shriners," Mr Rosefelt remarked.

The elephants age from nine months to three years. They were kept in open cages on the fore boat deck on the liner.

"They will be trained within three months' time for the circus," the famous hunter added.

WITHOUT SUBSTANCE
Referring to the Magistrate's notes that appellant had a very bad record, Mr Bernacchi said that there was no indication that that record was shown to him. The Magistrate never looked at that record at all, let alone inquire whether that record was admitted, Counsel said. Reading from the notes, Mr Bernacchi said that the Magistrate said, "This driver has a very bad record and does not seem to have learned his lesson. Clearly on the statement of facts I do not consider him suitable to be in possession of a licence and I make a recommendation to the Police Commissioner to have his licence suspended."

Mr Bernacchi said that the words were entirely without substance. The Magistrate had imposed part of his sentence and Counsel said that not only should he not have done so, there was absolutely no authority anywhere to entitle him to make such recommendation.

Counsel submitted that such recommendation was neither justified by the facts nor was there any jurisdiction for the Magistrate to make it. Mr Bernacchi said that Mr Blair-Kerr had just informed him that he conceded that point and he asked his Lordship whether he desired him to continue with his submission.

His Lordship said that as far as he was concerned he did not wish to hear Counsel on the question of recommendation, and he hoped that the Magistrate, when he came to deal with another case, would not take the opportunity of saying that neither Counsel drew his Lordship's attention to various regulations and so on, because it was absolutely unnecessary. In fact, Regulation 2 had nothing to do with the case in question. He had already ruled that there was no power whatever for a Magistrate to make such a recommendation.

Hearing is continued.

ORDERED TO LEAVE COLONY

A Japanese merchant who had been living in the Colony since February 9, 1951, was this morning fined \$750 for illegal entry and was ordered to leave the Colony by Mr R.W.S. Winter at Central Court. The merchant, Koji Shibata, 30, came to the Colony last year on the ss Pak Hoi, without obtaining permission from the Immigration Department here.

4 Lakhs Loss By Marsman, Ltd

OFFER BY SYNDICATE TO BUY COMPANY'S SHARES

A loss of \$420,525.25 in their operations during the twelve months ending April 30 last was reported by the Chairman (Mr T. B. Wilson) at the 11th annual general meeting of Marsman Hongkong China Ltd, held in their offices in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building this morning.

Following the annual meeting an extraordinary meeting was called for the purpose of considering a special resolution that the Company go into voluntary liquidation.

The Chairman, proposing that the meeting be adjourned sine die, said that the Company had at the last moment succeeded in procuring an offer to buy all the shares of the Company at a figure which the Directors thought would be to the advantage of shareholders.

The meeting agreed to the adjournment sine die to enable the Directors to inform all shareholders of the terms of the offer now under consideration. After the minutes of the 10th annual general meeting held last year had been approved, the Chairman addressed the meeting. He said:

You will have seen from the report that our operations over the twelve months ending April 30, 1952 have resulted in a loss of \$420,525.25. This has been a great disappointment to your Directors who had hoped that during the year a more favourable trend in world conditions would have occurred with the resultant improvement in local business. As we are all too well aware, such improvement did not materialise.

The report we have submitted gives you a rather detailed account of the year's working. There is little else I can add which will clarify the situation.

The several contracts which we had undertaken were all faithfully completed.

COSTS RISE
The cost of materials and labour continued to rise throughout most of the period during which our contracts ran. Suppliers in the U.K. the Continent and in Japan were harassed with shortage of raw materials and in many instances failed to ship. Sales which we had made had to be cancelled and in some instances orders for building materials for our own contracts were cancelled by manufacturers necessitating us having to purchase locally at increased prices and consequent loss on our contracts. Also during the current year we have suffered serious delays and inconvenience and loss because of the exceptional rains experienced during the Spring and Summer months.

During the year bids were made for a number of contracts. This was a very disappointing investigation of the sites and taking into consideration the supply position, we were unable to get our prices below the middle bracket of tenders. No business therefore resulted, and this was very disappointing. It was clear that to meet such keen competition we could only do so at a loss.

Our mining property at Needle Hill was energetically developed by our Labour Contractors within the scope of the manual labour available. Good results were achieved and the question of installing mechanical plant was carefully considered. It was found that the cost of transport and installation would be high, and in view of the declining price of Wolfram Ore the project for full mechanisation was deferred.

CASTLE PEAK MINE
Negotiations were entered into with the owners of the adjoining property to permit the passage of wheeled vehicles over their land in order to gain access to the mine. Without such wheeled access development would be seriously handicapped. The terms demanded were in our opinion out of reason, and in view of the falling price of Wolfram Ore it was decided to defer any capital expenditure in this respect. The matter has however been kept under review continuously.

HANDICAPPED
Our Trading Department, which is dependent upon the free movement of cargo in and out of this port, has been severely handicapped by the various restrictions and embargoes which have been put into effect. Efforts were made to reach new fields but results gave little encouragement.

Subsidiaries: Our Subsidiary, Messrs Marsman Metal & Trading Co., Ltd., made a small loss for the year, which has been amply provided for in our accounts to the amount of \$10,000. Our other Subsidiary, South China Building Materials Ltd., had earned a net profit of \$30,514.00 during their fiscal year.

The Gold Mines in the Philippines are being hampered by a minimum wage law which is seriously interfering with production. The Philippine shares which your Company owns are being watched carefully and will be disposed of to the best possible advantage.

As you have been informed in the Report of the Directors very careful consideration has been given to the future of your Company. The Directors were of opinion that your interests would be best served by voluntary liquidation now, rather than to await any improvement in world conditions, which is the only sovereign remedy for free and safe enterprise. Certain circumstances have however arisen which have caused your Directors to modify the view expressed in the printed Report and this will be explained to you at the Extraordinary Meeting, which is to be held immediately following this General Meeting.

I now move the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts as submitted and after this has been seconded I will be glad to answer to the best of my ability any question shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr G. R. Huber seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr A. W. de Broekert, seconded by Mr H. J. Pearce, Messrs T. W. Wilson and E. R. Hill were re-elected Directors. Bingham and Matthews were also re-elected Auditors on the proposal of Mr Pearce, seconded by Mr Huber.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION
The Chairman next addressed the meeting on the following Special Resolution: "That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Mr Archibald Ritchie and Mr Charles Gow Smith of Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be appointed as Liquidators for the purposes of such winding-up."

The Chairman said: It was intended at the calling of this Extraordinary Meeting to present to you a special resolution for placing your Company into voluntary liquidation. Your Directors had given very careful consideration to this problem. They had made many endeavours to find a suitable solution to your Company's difficulties, having at all times the financial interest of the Shareholders at heart. It was eventually decided to ask you to improve our resolution to go to voluntary liquidation. However, at the last moment, during the present week in fact, we have succeeded in procuring an offer to buy all the shares of the Company at a figure which we, your directors, think would be to your advantage.

Your Directors have reason to believe that more than 51% of the shares in the Company are available for sale at the offered figure, thereby giving control of the Company to the interested syndicate. However we have made it obligatory that if the deal is consummated the syndicate must purchase any and all shares offered by shareholders within a specified reasonable time. The price offered to you is 80 cents per share.

THE ALTERNATIVE
If you decide to liquidate your Company, each shareholder will receive a problem—figure—eventually after a period of months. If the proposed negotiations are consummated each shareholder will have the opportunity of selling his shares for cash—im-

Living Language

Why we say Whist.
When we tell a noisy child to "whist" we mean that he must keep quiet. Similarly the game of cards was called "whist" because silence was necessary if it was to be played attentively and correctly.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
By Air
Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m.
Cebu, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 5 p.m.
C.P.A.L. By Surface
Macao, 6 a.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
By Air
Formosa, Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 a.m.; 6 p.m., ss C.A.T.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 11 a.m. Air France
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 1.30 p.m. Air Vietnam
By Surface
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m. P.A.L.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., (Seattle & West Coast) Canada, 6 p.m. H.K.N.V.A.L.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m. C.S.N.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Middle East, 6 p.m. B.O.A.C.

TRIAL OF MAU MAU LEADERS

(Continued from Page 1)

stations throughout the Colony. Mr Lyttleton said:

"Every person detained in police custody is provided with adequate sleeping accommodation and not called upon to do more than cleaning the cell and bedding. None is manacled while detained. A morning and evening meal are provided and blankets are issued at night."

"Persons in prison are in custody under the usual conditions as laid down in police ordinances."

Persons detained under emergency regulations are kept under conditions similar to those for debtors, except that rations are issued free.—Reuter.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Let W's age in the third relevant year be x, and let the amount by which his age is multiplied in that year be y. Then x + 2y = 2016. Let z be his age in both integers, each is equal to 2. In the final year W's age is 25, and therefore receives \$225. — London Express Service.

'SIDE GLANCES' By Galbraith



"You got me into this! I ought to know better than to ask you for a date during the skiing season!"

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